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Massive support shown for health centre

Petition with 1096 signatures accompanies briefs

Over 300 area residents crowded the Elk Point Elks Hall last Wednesday for an information meeting regarding the retention of services at the Elk Point Health Centre.

Mayor Ed Buck reviewed the steps taken to date, which included sending a fat sheaf of briefs to George B. Cuff and Associates, the consulting firm conducting a complete review of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's facilities, their governance and administrative procedures.

Copies of the briefs were also sent to Minister of Health Halvar Jonson, MLA Paul Langevin and LRHA Board chair Dareld Cholak. The briefs were collected after information regarding Cuff's review was brought to the Interagency Health Committee. "The game plan [for debt reduction] presented by the region to the Minister of Health apparently was not acceptable," Buck said, adding that the minister had hired Cuff to conduct the review and report back to the LRHA.

"This scared us, so we called a meeting and got the briefs together. This was a very tough job, because of the holiday season. It was difficult to contact people — I finally spoke to Cuff today," Buck said. Cuff indicated he might be able to

attend a meeting in Elk Point on January 20 "if there was enough interest. We have 6000 people united in protesting any cuts — we're serving the aboriginal people, people from the MD of Bonnyville, the counties of St. Paul, Two Hills and Vermilion River, and backing up the fire department."

A 1096-name petition, collected in just six days, was submitted along with the briefs.

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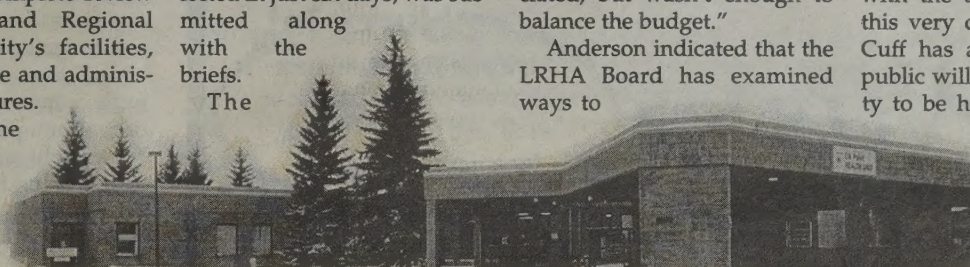
Diana Anderson offered background information on the LRHA's deficit budget. During the past two years, Anderson said, "Alberta Health considered the LRHA was adequately funded. For 1998-99, they gave us only a 1% increase, when staff salaries went up 3.8%. So we met with the MLAs and got 3.4%. The increase was appreciated, but wasn't enough to balance the budget."

Anderson indicated that the LRHA Board has examined ways to

junction with the community health councils. Elk Point has the opportunity to appear at any of these meetings but Anderson said "a meeting here would be best." After the public meetings, Cuff will "roll up all the suggestions" and present a plan on January 25, with a public meeting on January 29. "The board has raised concerns with the tight time frame on this very critical decision, but Cuff has assured us that the public will have an opportunity to be heard. The briefs are excellent, and if anyone has suggestions for keeping the hospital here, we want to hear them."

MLA Paul Langevin said he realizes how important the hospital is to the region, and remembered being in Elk Point in 1995 for the same reason. Closure of the health centre "is all rumors and speculation" at the present time, he said. He has received over 30 letters, and commended the community for standing behind the health centre. "You lost enough during the regionalization, you can't afford to lose more. I feel the hospital will remain the same." He indicated that the region's MLAs will be talking to the Minister of Health in support of retention of services.

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Town's brief expressed disappointment at having so little input into decisions which would seriously impact the community. Four main points were outlined: the long distance to obtain emergency service and all medical needs, the potential loss of the community's medical professionals, the social and medical input on the area's large senior population, the health unit and extended care, and the direct effect on the community at large. "Losing the health centre would tear the heart out of this community," Buck feels "if we fight hard enough, we can keep our health centre."

LRHA local board member

balance the budget without cutting core services, including consolidating purchases, reducing management and consolidating administration. The board itself found a number of ways to cut back on their own costs — "we want to manage as responsibly as we can" — but were still unable to balance their budget.

Anderson said the LRHA welcomes Cuff's review. "All facilities and programs are being looked at, not just Elk Point. It's critical for people to provide input before the plan is finalized." The parameters of the plan will be released this week, after which six public meetings will be held in con-

■ Six meetings planned

Dates set for health region's public meetings

SMOKY LAKE - After several months of preparation dates have been chosen for residents of the Lakeland Health Region to provide input on a proposed deficit elimination plan, as well as on the Region's draft vision, mission and goals statements.

The six public meetings will take place on:

- Jan. 11, 1999 in Redwater at the Redwater and District Pioneer Club
- Jan 12, 1999 in St. Paul at the St. Paul Cultural Centre
- Jan 13, 1999 in St. Paul at the Mannawanis Friendship Centre
- Jan 13, 1999 in Lac La Biche at McArthur Place
- Jan 18, 1999 in Cold Lake at Kin Hall
- Jan 19, 1999 in Vegreville in hall "A" at the Vegreville Social Centre

All meetings will take place between 7 pm and 9 pm with the exception of the meeting on Jan 13 at the Mannawanis Friendship Centre in St. Paul, which will be held from 10 am to noon.

George B. Cuff and Associates, who has been conducting a review of the Region's governance and administrative procedures the past three months, will facilitate the meetings.

For most of the 1998 - 1999 fiscal year the Lakeland Regional Health Authority (LRHA) has been looking at ways of eliminating a projected (to March 31, 1999) \$3.3 million deficit, which was the first time the health region submitted a deficit budget to Alberta Health since regionalization of the health care system took place four years ago. The Region is also projecting

a \$5.7 million deficit for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The Region has been notified by Alberta Health that it must submit a balanced budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, which begins on April 1, based on 1998-1999 funding levels. The Region's current budget is approximately \$100 million. Therefore, all facilities, programs and services in every community in the Region have been looked at to determine possible ways to ensure the budget is balanced for the coming fiscal years.

It is important for residents of the Region, as well as staff and medical staff, to provide their comments on the deficit elimination plan prior to the plan being adopted by the LRHA Board. It is anticipated that the Board - approved deficit elimination plan will be forward-

ed to Alberta Health by Feb. 1, 1999.

A series of meetings will also be held with staff across the Region in January to gather their input and feedback.

As well, the public and staff meetings will discuss the Region's draft vision, mission and goals statements before being submitted to Alberta Health as part of the Region's three-year business plan. These statements will help shape the direction of programs and services in the Region for the next three years.

An information package outlining ideas to eliminate the LRHA's deficit will be available to residents and staff on Jan. 7, 1999 in advance of the meetings. These information packages can be obtained by calling Colleen Przekop at the LRHA office in Smoky Lake, toll free, at 1-800-815-8683.

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Massive support for health centre

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Health Centre with others, "this is unique. You serve two reserves, a Metis settlement, the salt plant, the oil industry... it's the largest territory served by a ten bed hospital. I will really, really fight for you."

Langevin is concerned with the formula used to determine funding. The LRHA area has the largest senior population, the most Metis settlements, oil and the military base. "We really have to review this. I'm prepared to meet with the minister. Population based funding isn't working here — it's a matter of seeing if the RHAs are funded equitably."

Langevin commended the community on their turnout in support of the health centre and said "You have to do this as a group."

The question period which ended the evening brought forth comments and suggestions from people who were "downright mad," and others who laid the root of the problem squarely on the federal government, who have not

increased their transfer payments to keep up with increased health care costs. The federal government had originally committed to paying half of the province's health care costs, but are currently only paying 17% of the costs.

Ideas such as additional petitions, continued letter writing, and health care workers finding ways to "cut a little bit" were put forward. Mayor Buck invited anyone wanting to be involved in the game plan for a continued fight to drop off letters at the town office. "Let's not stop here," he urged.

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~~from the~~ **FCSS DESK**

The last year of the Millennium has begun!

"The Year of the Older Person" -- Let's make it friendly...

By **Deanna Easthope**
FCSS Director

Yes, the last year of the millennium has begun. 1999 has arrived. Happy New Year everyone! I hope 1999 bring you the best!

You can all imagine, it is going to be a year we will be celebrating just because it is 1999, the last year of the millennium.

That reminds me, there will be two important celebration happenings I know of that will be happening where we will be celebrating the last year of the millennium. The first one is our own Canada Day Celebrations and the second one is the First Night Festival where we will be saying goodbye to 1999 and welcoming in the year 2000. So, is there anyone out there who would like to volunteer their time in helping us plan these events? Give me a call at 724-3800.

The United Nations theme for 1999 is "The Year of the Older Person - A Society For All Ages". It is such a good theme, I know we will be using it in our Canada Day

Celebrations. To follow up or introduce that theme our office has gathered information on the "Senior Friendly" program for the community. It sounds exciting. Watch for more information.

Speaking of being friendly - that is a good quality to have, now isn't it? What does being friendly mean? The dictionary says it is a quality which shows "kindly interest and goodwill - not hostile". To carry this definition further, I looked up the word "kind". What does it mean? Again the dictionary says: "of sympathetic nature; disposed to be helpful and solicitous...gentle...of a kind to give pleasure or relief; agreeable". To be friendly is a word we use so freely, I though I would look up the definition as I was curious as to how the dictionary would describe friendly. Anyway, now we both know what friendly means.

There is a poem by an unknown author which talks about friendliness which makes sense and I think it would be a good goal for all of us as we begin the new year of 1999.

"Begin the day with friendliness,
Keep friendly all day long.
Keep in your soul a friendly thought,
In your heart a friendly song.
Have in your mind a word of cheer,

For all who come your way,
And they will greet you, too, in turn
And wish you a happy day."

We invite you to a **Public Forum** on a **Deficit Elimination Plan** For the Lakeland Regional Health Authority

Facilitated by **George B. Cuff & Associates Ltd.**

- Situation:** The Lakeland Regional Health Authority is projecting an estimated \$3.3 million deficit by the end of the 1998-99 fiscal year. As well, the 1999-2000 deficit is forecast to be roughly \$5.7 million. Costs will have to be cut to balance the budget, which may include the permanent or temporary closures of some health facilities.
- Purpose:** Public forums are being held as part of the process of developing a Deficit Elimination Plan for the Lakeland Regional Health Authority, in addition to finalizing mission, vision and goals statements as part of the Region's three-year Business Plan.
- Role of the Forum:** We see the input of the public as a crucial part of this process. This input is being obtained prior to the presentation of a draft Deficit Elimination Plan to a public meeting of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority Board on January 29, 1999.
- Where and When:** Each Community Health Council (CHC) suggested alternate times and locations for these forums, with the facilitators having chosen the following schedule. **You are invited to attend one of the following Public Forums, please note that you can attend at any location, not just in your area:**



COME JOIN US!

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA



- * Registration Night: Monday, Jan. 11, 1999
- Registration Fee: \$55.00
- Where/Time: Elementary School In Art Room at 6:30 pm
- * We have leaders for: Brownies - 7-8 Years Sparks 5-6 Years.

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GREATER LAKELAND RURAL CRIME WATCH AREA

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 1999
7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Senior Citizens Hall
4809-47 Street, St. Paul, AB.

	Date & Location	Time	Representing
CHC #1	Monday, January 11, 1999 in Redwater, at the Redwater and District Pioneer Club 4916 - 50 St.	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fort Saskatchewan, Redwater, Radway, Gibbons, Thorild, Bon Accord and surrounding area
CHC #2	Tuesday, January 19, 1999 in Vegreville in Hall "A" at the Vegreville Social Centre 4802 - 47 St.	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Mundare, Vegreville, Willingdon, Two Hills, Andrew, Chipman, Lamont, Bruderheim and surrounding area
CHC #3	Tuesday, January 12, 1999 in St. Paul at the French Cultural Centre, 4537-50 Ave.	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	St. Paul, Vilna, Smoky Lake, Myrnam, Waskatenau, Mallaig, and surrounding area
CHC #4	Monday, January 18, 1999 in Cold Lake at Kin Hall 1301 - 8 Ave. North	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Cold Lake, Glendon, Bonnyville, Elk Point, Lindbergh and surrounding area
CHC #5	Wednesday, January 13, 1999 in Lac La Biche at McArthur Place	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Lac La Biche, Caslan, Wandering River, Plamondon, Craigend, Owl River, Hylo, Venice and surrounding area
CHC #6	Wednesday, January 13, 1999 in St. Paul at the Mannawanis Friendship Centre	10 a.m. - noon	Settlements of Kikino, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake and Buffalo Lake

Unable to Attend? A copy of the public information package and a feedback form are available from January 7, 1999 by calling Colleen Przekop toll free at 1-800-815-8683.

Questions? Contact Doug Plamping, by phone (403) 929-7263, by fax (403) 929-7264, or by mail at George B. Cuff & Associates Ltd., 58 Winchester Avenue, Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 1L8.



VIEWPOINTS

Looking for those blue skies

Today we stand on the threshold of a new year. It is tempting to look back and despair over the layoffs, shutdowns and moves that have taken friends and valued community volunteers away from us.

It is tempting to put our heads in our hands and become bogged down in worry that not only our health centre, our doctors and our ambulance service could be in peril, but that the Northern Lights Library System could find this as another reason to move their headquarters. It is tempting, like Winnie-the-Pooh's friend Eeyore, to walk around in a cloud of impending doom.

But we must not do that. We must watch the horizon for that little bit of blue sky coming our way. We must take every oil truck or service rig we see operating as a sign of hope. And we must all get up, dust ourselves off and get moving, in whatever way we can, in the combined effort to ensure our health centre will stay open.

Three hundred people at last week's meeting spoke as one that they want our facilities to stay with us. They spoke of writing letters, signing even more petitions, digging for facts that will help us in what may be the greatest fight of our lives: to keep our health centre open and thus to help keep our town alive. They need the help and support of each and every one of us to get this massive job done.

Let us all join hands, lift up our chins and assure each other that we can succeed. Let's press forward in a united effort to determine our own, hopeful and successful future.

Letter to the Editor

Vision in Town Council?

To the Editor:

Now that Elk Point Gas has been sold, the Mayor finally getting his wish, there remains one more item for anyone doing web, PC or phone banking every month. Through web, PC or phone banking one can pay one's credit card — any major credit card — Alberta Power, Telus, Centra Gas, Regional Cable but lo and behold, missing is the Town. No modern way to pay bills for the Town. There is still time to make it happen before the year 2000! But is there vision in them Council Chambers?

Louis Verhagen
Elk Point

The way we were

Looking back at another year: 1998 in review

And yet another year has passed into history. Let's look back through the last 52 issues and remember some of the most important and memorable news stories of the year...

January

The New Year blew in with the first major snowfall of the winter, which began just after the completion of the fourth annual First Night Festival. The success of the Festival set organizers thinking about an even bigger event two years hence, on the last day of the century. Servus Credit Union opened their Elk Point branch on the former site of one of the town's pioneer businesses. The Town's much debated garbage bylaw got fine tuning, but still awaited final reading by a shorthanded Council, following the resignation of Louis Verhagen due to health problems. Area residents were stunned by the sudden passing of former MLA John Drobot at the age of 71.

An explosion and fire rocked the Canadian Salt Plant at Lindbergh, demolishing their maintenance building and injuring three workers. At A. G. Ross Arena, 51 skaters logged an incredible 1117 laps in the largest ever Skating Club Skate-a-thon.

February

Soft world crude oil prices prompted an announcement by Pan Canadian Petroleum that they would close their Elk Point office. The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce faced their new year without a president, when none could be found by the time of the February 4 annual meeting. Newalta Corporation's entry upset six-time champion Vulcan Electric in the 15th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel. A second resignation, this time by Dave Yake, left Town Council with two vacant chairs to fill at an April 1 by-election. Statistics released at the Elk Point Public Library's annual meeting show reading is on a rebound, with both memberships and circulation making significant climbs in the past year.

A new Alberta Senior Citizens Sports and Recreation Association challenge trophy was donated by Norcen Energy Resources to replace the Westmin Challenge Trophy, which was filled to capacity in just eight years. Talent exploded

ed in a big way as four bands, ten vocalists and an instrumental soloist competed in a teen talent contest on Valentine's Day. Quebec exchange students arrived at F. G. Miller High School and were treated to a multi-cultural afternoon of local entertainment. Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's annual Public Speaking competition went into overtime with second impromptus required to break a tie and give Michelle Leckie the second place spot, behind senior winner Peter Danyluk. Leanne and Colin Ference placed first and second in the junior division.

March

Fires dominated our front page on three weeks of March, starting off with a massive barn fire which took the lives of 2600 hogs owned by Glenn and Verona Lea Flanders and family. A truckload of bales passing through town was the next victim, while fire gutted a home on Railway Avenue toward the end of the month. Elk Point Peewee Blades were out of provincial contention, but three local midget boys brought home provincial medals: Ben Poulin a gold with the Mallaig Monarchs and Jordan Bassett and Brad Pankiw silver with the second place Marwayne Elks.

Danielle Schnurer of the Elk Point Saddle Slickers won top Junior honors at the District 4-H Public Speaking. Robyn Danyluk received a prestigious Platinum Award of Excellence for her many years of 4-H involvement.

The Chamber's executive was finally complete, as incoming vice-president John Yettaw moved up to the President's chair. Elk Point Agricultural Society hosted a hugely successful Bull Chutin' Classic. Five capacity crowds enjoyed the Community Choir and Friends as they presented "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers" at the annual dinner theatre. F. G. Miller hosted St. Paul Education Division #1's annual meeting, and displayed their recent renovations. Elk Point's oldest citizen, Grace Franks, 102, was laid to rest March 30.

April

Elk Point Pioneer Circle celebrated 25 years of growth and progress, with four past presidents on hand to speak at the anniversary gathering.

Sixth grade student Erica Lind won a Canada-wide writing award. Elk Point

Elementary School welcomed the community to an open house, science and book fairs, drama evening and grandparents' tea. Elk Point's first Trade Fair in five years brought huge crowds to the A. G. Ross Arena for a weekend of fun and entertainment. Town Council made a narrow 3-2 decision to reduce their makeup to five members, after no nominations were received for a by-election. Dave Cousins was named Elk Point Minor Hockey's Coach of the Year. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club danced away memories of a snowy Saturday at their annual spring concert. F. G. Miller bands saluted spring's arrival in music. New Honored Royal Lady Stella Blazenko and new Exalted Ruler Rob Norman were sworn in as the OORP and Elks held their annual joint installation. The Fun and Furry Horse Show attracted nearly 50 competitors.

May

Elk Point Community Choir entertained a packed house with their very enjoyable Spring Concert. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce spearheaded a "Clean Up Elk Point Day" and handed out garbage bags to members ready for the all-out effort. Super mailboxes came to Elk Point, and cut down on waits for counter service at the post office. The Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul remained deadlocked over the annexation of a parcel of land at the community's southwest corner, and Council went back to square one to start the process all over again. A vision of the community in the year 2000 and beyond was the topic of a well attended Community Prayer Breakfast. F. G. Miller's Class of '98 celebrated the end of their school years together with former classmates Claudia Naber and Andrew McGregor returning to MC their farewell evening. Local residents Violet McFadyen, Margaret Modin and Horace Osinchuk were honored for over 50 years of service apiece to the Canadian Red Cross. Amanda Wirsta and Mark Ference showed the Grand and Supreme champions at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's beef achievement day. Heinsburg's Class of '98 was honored by friends and family at the annual farewell ceremonies. Elk Point senior girls won the SPAA fastball championships.

Watch next week's issue for more of "1998 in Review."



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Look at our Young Reader's Choice nominees

By Karina Mitchell
Librarian

Some of the best books written these days are for young adults. And the best of these are nominated each year to be part of the Young Reader's Choice Awards. It is not quite the Oscars, but it is unique as the readers, that is the young readers, are the ones who choose the winners.

The Young Reader's Choice Award, established in 1940, is chosen by children in grades

four through eight from a pre-elected list. In 1990, grades nine to twelve were added. Voting is conducted in Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and, of course, Alberta. The award is then presented to the lucky author at the Annual Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference.

So this is your opportunity to voice your opinion in the literary world. The books and the ballots are here at the library. You have to read two of the

books on the list in either the youth or senior division. Voting takes place April 1 - 15, 1999.

Here are some of the books nominated for this year's choices:

While living on a Vermont poor farm during the 1850's, an abandoned boy learns his identity and how he came to be in that place in *Jip: His Story* by Katherine Paterson. A nominee for the Youth Division.

Mila, a teenager, creates headlines around the world

when she is rescued from an unpopulated island off the coast of Florida where she has been raised by dolphins since the age for four in *The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hasse. A Youth Division Nominee.

A young girl is mysteriously adopted by an ideal family, and then wonders if it was all a dream when she finds herself back with her young, irresponsible mother in *Awake and Dreaming* by Kit Pearson. Winner of the Governor General's Award and nominated for the 1999 Young Reader's Choice Award.

A young basketball player encounters vicious racism while attending a tournament in Italy in *Danger Zone* by David Klass. A nominee for the Senior Division.

When Cat's TV star parents decide she would be better off with them rather than the grandmother who had been raising her, Cat must fight for the life she wants in *Granny the Pag* by Nina Bawden. A nominee for the Youth Division.

Meet Noah, Nadia, Ethan, and Julian and hold on for a school bus ride like no other. *The View From Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg is a rich and rewarding journey. A Youth Division nominee.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Fridays, 10:30 am, Storytime - All are invited.

Wednesday, January 6, evening, Friends of the Library have a bingo in St. Paul. Workers can sign up at the Library.

Are you a history enthusiast? Join us!

Whether you're fascinated by the fur trade or overcome with nostalgia at the thought of our community's early days, two sister groups are eager to make your acquaintance.

Both the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House and the Elk Point Historical Society are meeting this week to start off a new year of activities, and both groups are ready to welcome

new or returning members to a year of projects and involvement.

The Friends of the Forts, as they are known for short, will meet tomorrow night, January 6, at 7 p.m. in the Public Library meeting room. The Friends oversee planning for activities and events at Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre, and help the Government of Alberta to operate the site by

overseeing the gift shop at the site and helping to plan for site improvements. There are many opportunities for volunteers to get involved in all the fun at the Forts!

The Elk Point and District Historical Society, which has a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday night in the Library meeting room, has recently undergone a rebirth, and now is involved with two major projects. One of these is helping with the development and promotion of the Iron Horse Trail, the former CNR railbed between Elk Point and Heinsburg, which is rapidly becoming a year-round recreational trail with scenic stops along the way. The other is a fascinating project for the computer-minded, as Elk Point's Reflections history book and other items of historical significance are being put on computer and will eventually find their way to the Internet. Other projects which will help to preserve Elk Point's history for future generations to enjoy and cherish are also being considered.

Make the past part of your future. Come to either or both of these meetings and check out the possibilities.



FINAL TRIP OF THE MONTH winners for the 1998 season were Glenda Bristow of Heinsburg (right) winning the all-inclusive trip to the Dominican Republic, Jonny Nielson winning \$100 cash and Terry Shankowski winning \$50. The Elk Point Lioness Club thanks everyone who purchased a Trip of the Month Club ticket. Your support was greatly appreciated and has helped many throughout the community. Congratulations to all the winners. All draws were made independent of the Elk Point Lioness Club.



AND THE HELP GOES ON -- Jonny Nielson presented his winnings to Leos Club president Rayna Sanregret. The Leos Club is a group for teens which does volunteer work and fundraises to help the community. They meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Curling Rink and are currently looking for more members.



Lordy,
Lordy
Look
Who's
40!

CHURCH SERVICES

Bethel Lutheran Church
of Lea Park
Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Fellowship Church
- Clondonald
Services held every
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Elk Point Baptist Church
5705 - 49 St., Elk Point
Pastor Jim MacLellan - 724-4194
Family Worship Service
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
Call Church answering service for current
programs and times.

Elk Point Christian
Community Church
Rev. Sam Donaldson - 724-2493.
Railway Avenue and 53 St.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.;
Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.; Office hours
- Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 12 p.m.

St. Vladimirs' Ukrainian
Orthodox Church ELK POINT
For service times, call 645-5156, St. Paul
or 724-4351, Elk Point.

United Church of Canada
Elk Point
Rev. Paulette Phillips - 724-3616
Sunday Services and Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
OFFICE HOURS
Mon, Tues., Thurs., 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Parent Nursery
Wednesday, 10 a.m.

review COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Brenda Hayman, 724-3192 or Erin Mohyluk, 741-2140.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, south door, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950.

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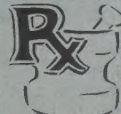
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A single guitar gleamed in the spotlight on a bare stage as the Elk Point Hotel tavern gradually filled with a mixed-age crowd on the chilly evening of December 19.

From those on the threshold of adult hood to grandparents, all were there to celebrate the same grand occasion: the launch of a CD recording by local singer and songwriter Travis Pankiw.

These folks brought with them the memory of a beginning performer singing his first original songs in the school auditorium on a rainy Canada Day in 1992, of a gymful of high school students cheering loudly as he tossed his hat high in the air at a teen talent contest, and of his acceptance of an award at yet another talent night. Now they wanted to share in yet another success for this talented young man.

And what a success it was! From the time he stepped on stage, the group applauded every song -- his gentle love songs, lively country rock, and all the favorites from other performers that he gave his special touch as the night went on. Between sets, the crowd lined up to purchase CDs and souvenir t-shirts and to get the new star's autograph.

With a start like this, there is little doubt that more recordings and more great original songs are to follow for Travis Pankiw, a local boy well on his way to becoming a musical star to be reckoned with. All the best in the future, Travis.

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review SPORTS this week

'Forecheck, backcheck, paycheque' strategy works

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

Before the game on Sunday night in Onion Lake, coach Mark Woytkiw told the boys "Forecheck, Backcheck, Paycheque". And the boys, off to a good start for the new year, responded, earning their paycheque, two points, for the 5 to 2 win. The Thunder, who are now one game over .500 and haven't lost in their last 5 games, should be somewhere near the top of the league when the new stats are printed.

And here's some more good news for the new year. After the two week layoff, all the Thunder team is now healthy. Returning to the lineup for the Sunday night game, were three injured players, veteran Rocky Pankiw, who has been out for six weeks,

centreman Shane Braithwaite, and defenceman Peter Danyluk, who both missed the last three games before Christmas. Also, get this, just signed with the Thunder over the Christmas holidays, a big second year defenceman from Tulliby Lake, Lindsey Eaton, who played in Marwayne last year when the boys won the provincial silver medal. Lindsey is a bit out of shape, and took short shifts on Sunday, but will really help the team on the blue-line. A team can never get enough good defencemen when it comes provincial time.

And speaking of provincials, this past weekend the draw meeting for provincials was held in Lloydminster, and the teams in our zone that the Thunder will have to meet and defeat to qualify for the tournament in Provost, will be Mannville, Lac

La Biche and our old friends the Kitscoty Pitbulls. You can bet this should make for some interesting and competitive hockey come late January and early February. This coming weekend the Thunder will be in Mannville for a tournament.

The Bantam Colts, who also started the new year off in the right way, played down in Macklin on Sunday winning 7 to 4. Two goals each for Trent Robertson, Dallas Flammond, and Kurt Bensmiller, and a single for Brian Poitras.

Nothing is worse than getting up early on a cold Saturday morning, dragging your kids out of bed, warming up the car for a 1/2 hour, and then driving 3/4 of a hour for a 9 am game, only to find out the other team did not show up. This happened to the Micro Novice Tornados when they played in a tournament down in Dewberry on Saturday. After waiting until 1:30 to finally play, the Tornados won against Dewberry. Scoring a hat trick, Garret Osinchuk, Dylan Loughran and Ryan Marceniuk. Two for Kameron Ballas, and singles for Billy Hudy, Bradley

Yarmuch, Garret Duffee, and Jordan Krankowski.

In their second game, a back to back game, the Tornados, who had been up since early morning, lost for the first time this year against Paradise Valley. Scoring two for the Tornados, Kameron Ballas and Dylan Loughran, singles for Ryan Marchiniuk and Garret Osinchuk.

Going upstairs for the first goal, Shayden Anderson gave the Hurricanes a early lead, but it wasn't enough to beat the strong team from Saddle Lake on Saturday. Helping out with tow more goals, another talented player, Craig Dallaire.

The Pee wee Girls Cyclones lost to Viking on Saturday at home. Scoring the first goal for the Cyclones, and her first goal ever, first year player, Erin Carson. Ashley Hebblewaithe with two and Kristyn Ballas with a single.

On Sunday against Athabasca, defencewoman Brett Hahn, with great shots from the point, scored two. Megan Proski and Ashley Hebblewaithe added singles in another close game. Very good forechecking by Alyssa Osinchuk who usually plays defence but was moved to forward by coach George Hahn for this game. Goalie Kristen Campbell also did a great job in net, making some big saves, including a penalty shot.

The Midget Girls Storm lost to Wainwright on Saturday. Two

goals in this one by an affiliated player from Glendon, Silvie Amyotte, and facing 52 shots on goal, Joanne "Jo Jo" deMoissac.

Then Sunday the Storm travelled to Sedgewick, taking a early lead, the first one on a wrap around by Jena Bassett, then team captain Kandace Bjornstad scored to give the Storm a two goal lead. The Storm eventually lost, but put forth a good effort. Natalie Peters also scored for the Storm in this one.

One of the worst things you can do to a team is to embarrass them by running up the score. Someday it may come back to haunt you. The Avalanche, knowing this stopped counting on the score clock at 10, but on the score sheet, the Avalanche really hammered Kikino 22 to 2. A hat trick for Chris Mitchell and Nicky Myshaniuk in this one.

On Sunday the Avalanche lost a close one 13 to 11 to Goodfish Lake. The Avalanche are now sitting with 7 wins and 5 losses and are somewhere near the top in league play.

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